Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE)
Child Care Subsidy Monthly Report

The following report reflects information contained in the Child Care Data System (CCDS) administered by the DESE Office of Childhood. Unless otherwise noted, data consists of un-duplicated counts of children and families participating in the subsidy program for the identified month.
Database as of July 13, 2026.

June 2026

SECTION 1: CHILD CARE HOUSEHOLD APPLICATIONS

*The status reflects the action that was taken during the month indicated.

		June	Change From Month Prior	Change From 2 Months Prior
Submitted		3,267	6.4%	9.9%
Approved		2,104	15.9%	4.0%
Rejected		411	13.5%	22.0%
Pending	15 Days or Less	460		
	More Than 15 Days	508		
Total Pending		968		

SECTION 2: NUMBER OF HOUSEHOLDS AND CHILDREN APPROVED FOR SUBSIDY

		June 2026	May 2026	April 2026	Change From Month Prior	
Approved Households	Income	16,409	16,274	16,206	0.8%	1.3%
	Protective Services	4,413	4,186	3,974	5.4%	11.0%
	Total	20,822	20,460	20,180	1.8%	3.2%
Approved Children	Income	26,835	27,756	28,413	-3.3%	-5.6%
	Protective Services	7,161	7,124	6,954	0.5%	3.0%
	Total	33,996	34,880	35,367	-2.5%	-3.8%

SECTION 3: CHILD CARE SUBSIDY PAYMENTS

		June 2026	May 2026	April 2026	Change From Month Prior	
Children Served	Income	22,327	22,913	23,605	-2.6%	-5.4%
	Protective Services	5,379	5,170	5,237	4.0%	2.7%
	Total	27,698	28,076	28,834	-1.3%	-3.9%
Payments	Income	$21,102,647	$22,611,328	$22,449,029	-6.7%	-6.0%
	Protective Services	$6,659,126	$6,625,510	$6,591,844	0.5%	1.0%
	Total	$27,761,773	$29,236,839	$29,040,873	-5.0%	-4.4%
Average Payment Per Child		$1,002	$1,041	$1,007	-3.7%	-0.5%

SECTION 4: TRANSITIONAL CHILD CARE SUMMARY

	Level 1 (151-185% FPL)			Level 2 (186-215% FPL)			Level 3 (216-242% FPL)		
	June 2026	May 2026	April 2026	June 2026	May 2026	April 2026	June 2026	May 2026	April 2026
Approved Households	814	722	630	300	267	238	132	127	111
Children Served	1,303	1,238	1,204	433	408	395	184	179	168
Payments	$1,129,742.62	$1,112,584.76	$1,041,919.41	$379,914.70	$367,015.64	$334,055.46	$144,898.86	$153,251.95	$138,023.87
Average Payment per Household	$1,388	$1,541	$1,654	$1,266	$1,375	$1,404	$1,098	$1,207	$1,243
Average Child Expenditure	$867	$899	$865	$877	$900	$846	$787	$856	$822

The Department of Elementary and Secondary Education does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, gender, gender identity, sexual orientation, national origin, age, veteran status, mental or physical disability, or any other basis prohibited by statute in its programs and activities. Inquiries related to department programs and to the location of services, activities, and facilities that are accessible by persons with disabilities may be directed to the Jefferson State Office Building, Director of Civil Rights Compliance and MOA Coordinator (Title VI/Title VII/Title IX/504/ADA/ADAAA/Age Act/GINA/USDA Title VI), 5th Floor, 205 Jefferson Street, P.O. Box 480, Jefferson City, MO 65102-0480; telephone number 573-526-4757 or TTY 800-735-2966; email civilrights@dese.mo.gov.

Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE)
Child Care Subsidy Monthly Report

June 2026

SECTION 5: CHILDREN SERVED BY AGE

	Children Served June 2026	Payments June 2026
Under Age 1	1,131	$2,023,045
AGE 1	3,082	$5,561,830
AGE 2	3,913	$4,591,559
AGE 3	4,355	$4,230,874
AGE 4	4,249	$3,995,205
AGE 5	3,406	$3,091,552
AGE 6	1,911	$1,096,866
AGE 7	1,478	$823,852
AGE 8	1,202	$663,823
AGE 9	1,019	$559,212
AGE 10	813	$448,823
AGE 11	612	$344,616
AGE 12	332	$192,021
AGE 13	154	$95,951
Age 14 and Over	41	$42,544
Total	**27,698**	**$27,761,773**

SECTION 6: APPLICATIONS BY STATUS AND REGION

*The status reflects the action that was taken during the month indicated.

June 2026

	Applications Received	Applications Approved	Applications Rejected	Percent Rejected	Total Resolved	15 Days or Less	More Than 15 Days	Percent Over 15 Days
Cape Girardeau	172	70	18	9.6%	88	39	60	60.6%
Columbia	94	32	13	12.6%	45	29	29	50.0%
Jefferson City	97	43	19	17.1%	62	28	21	42.9%
Macon	54	13	5	8.9%	18	19	18	48.6%
Not Selected	1,676	1,557	191	10.9%	1,748	9	6	40.0%
Raytown	345	114	45	11.9%	159	98	118	54.6%
Springfield	182	80	24	11.7%	104	53	50	48.5%
St. Louis	647	195	96	14.0%	291	185	206	52.7%
Total	**3,267**	**2,104**	**411**	**11.8%**	**2,515**	**460**	**508**	**52.5%**

SECTION 7: REASON FOR CARE FOR APPROVED HOUSEHOLDS BY REGION

June 2026

Region	Education	Employment	Homeless	Incapacitated Parent	Job Search	Protective Services	Special Need	Training	Grand Total
Cape Girardeau	183	1,521	47	11	320	708	20	13	**2,463**
Columbia	97	819	53	5	218	333	21	22	**1,301**
Jefferson City	104	893	35	6	207	461	24	11	**1,506**
Macon	40	361	7	3	74	201	11	2	**618**
Not Selected	1,326	8,259	365	62	2,298	2,208	165	222	**11,319**
Raytown	500	2,803	274	25	1,032	901	67	125	**4,576**
Springfield	223	1,526	61	9	374	770	41	13	**2,558**
St. Louis	974	5,527	448	57	1,717	1,024	124	147	**7,877**
Total	**2,110**	**13,342**	**912**	**118**	**3,914**	**4,424**	**308**	**330**	20,820

Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE)
Child Care Subsidy Monthly Report

June 2026

SECTION 8: REASON FOR CARE FOR APPROVED HOUSEHOLDS AND CHILDREN

Households

	June 2026	May 2026	April 2026			
Education				3,590	3,710	3,750
Homeless				1,215	1,273	1,328
Job Search				4,497	4,674	4,820
Special Need				509	520	527
Total				**33,974**	**34,855**	**35,330**

SECTION 9: DEMOGRAPHICS OF APPROVED CHILDREN BY RACE

	June 2026	May 2026	April 2026
African American (Black)			
Asian			
Multi-Racial			
i			
Other			
Unknown			

SECTION 10: DEMOGRAPHICS OF APPROVED CHILDREN BY ETHNICITY

	June 2026	May 2026	April 2026
Hispanic			
Non-Hispanic			
Prefer not to answer			
Total			

Missouri Department of Elementary & Secondary Education

Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE)
Child Care Subsidy Monthly Report

June 2026

SECTION 11: DEMOGRAPHICS OF APPROVED HOUSEHOLDS BY INCOME

*excludes Protective Services households

June 2026

Household Size	Approved Households	% of Total Households Last Month along Table (Down)	Average Household Monthly Income
2		34.6%	$1,122
3		34.9%	$1,457
4		23.8%	$1,674
5		12.4%	$1,903
6		4.8%	$2,012
7 or More		2.9%	$2,184
Total		**100.0%**	**$1,455**

SECTION 12: CHILDREN SERVED AND AVERAGE PAYMENT PER CHILD BY FACILITY

		June 2026			May 2026			April 2026		
Provider Type	**Provider Facility Type**	Children Served	Payments	Average Payments per ..	Children Served	Payments	Average Payments per ..	Children Served	Payments	Average Payments per ..
Exempt	Exempt Program	767	$448,883.59	$585	646	$365,332.17	$566	812	$456,977.49	$563
	Six or Fewer	1,194	$737,006.46	$617	1,236	$753,283.48	$609	1,219	$791,290.80	$649
License Exempt	Religious Organization/ Nursery School	1,759	$1,412,161.94	$803	1,748	$1,447,725.93	$828	1,848	$1,469,099.76	$795
Licensed	Licensed Child Care Center	22,725	$23,989,114.94	$1,056	23,160	$25,447,828.70	$1,099	23,651	$25,116,205.75	$1,062
	Licensed Family Child Care Home	916	$790,064.19	$863	931	$845,314.56	$908	940	$844,069.88	$898
	Licensed Group Child Care Home	519	$384,541.99	$741	500	$377,353.68	$755	497	$362,104.32	$729
Total		**27,698**	**$27,761,773.11**	**$1,002**	**28,076**	**$29,236,838.52**	**$1,041**	**28,834**	**$29,039,748.00**	**$1,007**

SECTION 13: PAID AND CONTRACTED PROVIDERS

*Includes contracted providers and providers in the process of renewing their contract.

			June 2026	May 2026	April 2026
Contracted Providers	Exempt	Exempt Program	194	193	187
		Six or Fewer	362	364	369
	Licensed	Licensed Child Care Center	1,201	1,187	1,176
		Licensed Family Child Care Home	181	181	181
		Licensed Group Child Care Home	54	54	55
	Licensed Exempt	Religious Organization/Nursery School	101	101	103
Total			**2,093**	**2,080**	**2,071**

SECTION 14: CHILDREN RECEIVING OTHER STATE ASSISTANCE

	June 2026	May 2026	April 2026	Change From Month Prior	Change From 2 Months Prior
Energy Assistance Program (LiHEAP)	2,422	2,572	2,524	-5.8%	-4.0%
Low Income Housing	2,263	2,396	2,404	-5.6%	-5.9%
Medicaid	17,400	17,722	18,202	-1.8%	-4.4%
Food Stamps (SNAP)	16,118	16,549	17,101	-2.6%	-5.7%
Temporary Assistance (TANF)	619	669	695	-7.5%	-10.9%
Total	20,205	20,653	21,275	-2.2%	-5.0%

SECTION 15: CHILDREN ON WAITLIST BY AGE AND PRIORITY CATEGORY

Child Age	Category 1	Category 2	Category 3	Category 4
Under Age 1				
AGE 1				
AGE 2				
AGE 3				
AGE 4				
AGE 5				
AGE 6				
AGE 7				
AGE 8				
AGE 9				
AGE 10				
AGE 11				
AGE 12				
AGE 13				
Age 14 and Over				
Grand Total				

SECTION 16: CHILDREN ON WAITLIST BY REGION AND PRIORITY CATEGORY

Region	Category 1	Category 2	Category 3	Category 4
Cape Girardeau				
Columbia				
Jefferson City				
Macon				
Not Selected				
Raytown				
Springfield				
St. Louis				
Grand Total				

SECTION 17: APPLICATIONS ON WAITLIST

Waitlist Priority Category	Applications on Waitlist
Category 1	395
Category 2	373
Category 3	2,163
Category 4	956
Grand Total	3,887

Waitlist Priority Category Explanation:
Category 1: Children with special needs, as defined in 5 CSR 25-200.050, that meet one or more of the following criteria: A child receiving Supplemental Security Income (SSI), a child receiving services through the Missouri Department of Mental Health, or a child with a physical or mental disability or delay, verified in writing by a medical professional or mental health professional
Category 2: Children who are experiencing homelessness
Category 3: Families with income below 100% of the Federal Poverty Level
Category 4: Families with income above 100% of the Federal Poverty Level that may be eligible

Further information can be found at: https://dese.mo.gov/childhood/child-care-subsidy-waitlist